



MT-060 Squadron Newsletter

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Leadership Quotes of the Month

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

"The real leader has no need to lead - he is content to point the way."

- Henry Miller

"Excellence is not an accomplishment. It is a spirit, a never-ending process."

- Lawrence M. Miller

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them. "

- Albert Einstein

"People are more easily led than driven."

- David Harold Fink

"Give us the tools, and we will finish the job."

- Winston Churchill

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not my Squadron."*

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and not tomorrow."*

Message from the Commander 1st Lt Johnson

A person is defined by what they accomplish today, not yesterday, and not tomorrow. We have a huge task at hand, to prepare for the IG inspection in 6 weeks. I will need the entire Squadron's support to accomplish this task. For meeting the challenge and the goal of rebuilding the Squadron I have appointed the following Command Staff:

Squadron Vice Commander: 1st Lt. Duane Lund

Deputy Commander of Seniors: 1st Lt. Dennis Coulson

Deputy Commander of Cadets: Capt. Gil Johnson

In the coming months there will be several changes. I ask that you be patient while the new command familiarizes itself with its new duties. I promise you that the Squadron Command will be firm, fair, and concise. All officers in the Squadron will be expected to lead by example. We are here to accomplish the three missions of C.A.P., but to also have fun in the process. After I meet with the Senior and Cadet staff the Squadron will publish a goal outline for the Squadron based on the input from the Squadron members. This is our Squadron, not my Squadron. I look forward to working with all of you and thank you for your dedication towards this unit and the Civil Air Patrol.

Change of Command by Major Rob Hoffman



On 27 OCT 2005 Col Jan Van Hoven conducted the Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron change of Command. Major Doris Van Hoven and Mr. Joe Macklin were also onsite to represent Montana Wing Headquarters and the State Director's Office. Captain Karen Semple relinquished command of MT-060 to 1st Lt Shelly Johnson.

Captain Karen Semple commented on how it was an honor to command such a fine Squadron and how she hoped that Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron would carry on the fine tradition of supporting the City of Helena and the Veterans of the community.

The Squadron and Montana Wing are sad to see a talented officer such as Captain Semple depart the program. She will be deeply missed and is wished the best of luck in her future endeavors.

History Tidbit: the Devil's Brigade

Properly designated as the 1st Special Service Force, the *Devil's Brigade* was a joint World War II American-Canadian commando unit trained at Fort Harrison near Helena, Montana in the United States.

The volunteers for the 1600 man force consisted primarily of enlisted men recruited by advertising at Army posts, stating that preference was to be given to men previously employed as lumberjacks, forest rangers, hunters, game wardens, and the like. The 1st Special Service Force was officially activated on July 20 1942 under the command of Lt. Colonel Robert T. Frederick. Force members received rigorous and intensive training in stealth tactics, hand-to-hand combat, the use of explosives for demolition, amphibious warfare, rock climbing and mountain fighting, and as ski troops. Their formation patch was a red arrowhead with the words CANADA and USA. They even had a specially designed fighting knife made for them called the V-42.



Their first scheduled operation was code named "*Project Plough*," a mission to parachute into German-held Norway to knock out strategic targets such as hydroelectric power plants. This operation had to be abandoned but in October of 1943 the commander of the US Fifth Army, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, brought the 1st Special Service Force to Italy where its members demonstrated the value of their unique skills and training. At Monte la Difensa they immediately earned a reputation for being able to take impenetrable objectives when no one else could. Here, in the dead of winter, the Special Force wiped out a strategic enemy defensive position sitting high atop a mountain surrounded by steep cliffs. Previously, American and British forces had suffered many casualties in futile attempts to take the important target. This incident was the basis for the 1968 motion picture titled "*The Devil's Brigade*." During the mountain campaign the Force suffered 77% casualties.

This information taken from and further information is available at:

<http://www.answers.com/topic/devil-s-brigade>

Squadron Profile: DCC

Deputy Commander of Cadets

(Applicable to Composite Squadrons Only)

Directs and evaluates implementation of the CAP cadet program within the squadron. They shall:

Coordinate to assure attainment of cadet program objectives and adherence to cadet program directives.

Ensure Cadet Protection policies and training is in place and being enforced.

Select and supervise the senior member staff officers to direct the cadet program.

Monitor funds and property used for cadet program.

The deputy commander for cadets should be familiar with all CAP directives, with particular emphasis on directives in the 35, 50 (52), and 280 series. Also, he/she should be familiar with cadet program aerospace education texts and other training materials described in the CAP Bookstore Catalog (CAPMart), CAPR 0-2 and CAPR 0-9.



Military Academy Advisory Program (MAAP)

Purpose: To provide an advisory program for Cadets interested in attending a Military Service Academy.

Mission: Utilizing the expertise of prior Military Academy graduates, the program will assist in preparing a high school career outline ensuring the applicant will meet Academy entrance requirements.

The program will attempt to arrange Service Academy graduate guest speakers for MAAP functions. Being an Air Force Auxiliary program, an emphasis will be placed on the Air Force Academy.

The program will also attempt to plan an Air Force Academy visit yearly for Cadets enrolled in the MAAP program.

Meetings: MAAP participants will meet at the Quarterly Wing meetings.

Disclaimer: The MAAP program cannot and will not guarantee the acceptance of any MAAP participant to a service academy. The program is designed to assist Service Academy Applicants up until they submit their applications for a Military Service Academy. Their acceptance depends entirely on their academics, extracurricular activities, and CAP performance.

Applicants: Will send a copy of their most recent report card and a letter of interest outlining their Service Academy Goals to the following address:

MAAP Program
Attn: Major Rob Hoffman
PO Box 3637
Butte, MT 59701-3637

Contacts:

OIC: Major Rob Hoffman
Program Advisor: Mr. Joe Macklin



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Captain Karen Semple | 5 Years |
| Cadet Spencer Gilcrest | 2 years |

NCO Tidbits

- The history of the NCO began in 1776 with the birth of the continental army.
- Three NCOs received special recognition for acts of heroism during the American Revolution. Each received the Badge of Military Merit, a purple heart with a floral border and the word "merit" inscribed across the center. In practice this award was the precursor to the Medal of Honor introduced during the Civil War. What were their names?
 - Sergeant Elijah Churchill
 - Sergeant William Brown
 - Sergeant Daniel Bissell
- Inspector General Friedrich von Steuben wrote the "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States", also commonly called the "Blue Book" and thus standardized NCO duties and responsibilities in 1778



QUICK NOTES:

Monthly Meetings Schedules and activities will be posted in future issues starting next month.

A Squadron Staff roster will also be posted in the next issue.

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